

13. (As filed) The pair of oligonucleotide primers according to claim 12, one of which is
labeled with a detectable marker.

14. (Amended) The pair of oligonucleotides according to claim 12 [or claim
13], capable of hybridizing under suitably stringent conditions to a region either side of a
region of microsatellite repeats at D4S3032 or D4S2921.

15. (As filed) The pair of oligonucleotide primers according to claim 14, comprising the
oligonucleotide sequences identified by SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2 or substantially similar sequences, for
D4S3032*5; or the oligonucleotide sequences identified by SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 4 or substantially
similar sequences, for D4S2921*13.

16. (Amended) An assay kit which comprises the pair of oligonucleotide
primers according to [any one of] claim[s] 12 [to 15].

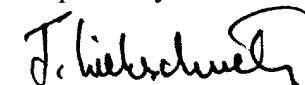
REMARKS

Amendments to claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 16 have been made to remove
multiple claim dependency.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of
this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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